

REMARKS

1-14 remain pending. Claim 13-14 have been withdrawn. Claims 1-12 are currently under consideration. Consideration on the merits is respectfully requested.

Applicants elect without traverse Group I corresponding to claims 1-12 as per the Restriction Requirement.

Applicants reserve the right to file divisional applications directed to the non-elected species of invention.

The undersigned attorney can be reached at (310) 824 5555 to facilitate prosecution of this application, if necessary.

Applicants believe that no fee is required. The Commissioner is authorized, however, to charge any fees that may be required by this paper to Deposit Account No. 06-2425.

Respectfully submitted,
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